

Beach Commission Minutes- Meeting of 01/10/2012

Attending: Bill Seiple, Dave Leys, Rian Wilkinson, Helen Flynn, Chris Semonelli, Tim Shaw. John Crimmins, Steve Ponte, Tom O'Loughlin

• Open meeting 4:35

1. Minutes approved with one correction- campground revenue was increased by \$.20 to \$194,106.20.

2. *Three year revenue comparisons- Tim Shaw

Tim presented 3 year revenue comparisons (Totals) Beach, Concessions, Campground. The 2011 total was \$1,426,761.20 which was the first complete year with the new seasonal sticker rate. The commission estimated revenues would be in the \$1,200,000.00-\$1,500,000.00 range, depending on the weather and economy.

3. **Harbor Master Report- Steve Ponte.

Steve reported that the season went very well with few problems. He did have, however, two recommendations.

A. A fine be imposed on any mooring holder who does not send in their payment by April 1st. This, he feels, would reduce the amount of time he spends trying to collect late mooring fees. Most local cities have such a system. The estimated fine would be in the \$50.00-\$100.00 range.

B. Steve also reported that the present regulations allows mooring rentals for 2 summer without, actually, owning a boat (General Regulation..93.11.C). Steve recommends that if a mooring holder

does not have a registered boat by the late fall, of the first year, they would forfeit their rights to the mooring. This would generate additional movement on the mooring waiting list.

Steve will meet with the Harbor Management commission and get back to the Beach Commission with their recommendations-
March.

Ramp safety- Steve agreed that more has to be done concerning pedestrian safety around the boat ramp. Signage, boardwalks, and, possibly relocation handicap spaces, concessions and porta-johns were, briefly, discussed. This is a top priority for the BC and will be discussed at up-coming meetings.

The Commission agreed that the harbor looked better- New signage and additional navigation bouys were a significant improvement

4. Proposed Second Beach Building- D. Semonelli, Council representative.

Mr Semonelli reported that the TC will begin to discuss the proposed building at its March 26th meeting. At this time, the town budget is the council's top priority.

5. New Business

Mr. Semonelli reported that he has been in contact with state officials concerning improvements on the path running from Tuckerman Ave to the Rock parking lot.

6. Meeting adjourned... 5:37pm.